

CITY OF BALTIMORE
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Council Bill

Introduced by: Councilmembers Middleton, Stokes, President Mosby, and Councilmember Cohen

At the request of: The Administration (Office of Children and Family Success)

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Assigned to: Education, Workforce, and Youth Committee

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AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

Children Youth and Families – Youth Commission – Amendment

FOR the purpose of amending the composition of the Youth Commission; providing for the compensation of Commission members; providing for the selection of certain officers; establishing the Executive Committee; providing for the membership and duties of the Executive Committee; requiring the adoption of a constitution and bylaws; updating the powers and duties of the Commission; providing for staff to the Commission; requiring agency cooperation with the Commission; and generally related to amending certain provisions related to the Commission.

BY repealing and re-ordaining, with amendments

Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies

Sections 22-5 to 22-7

Baltimore City Code

(Edition 2000)

BY adding

Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies

Sections 22-8

Baltimore City Code

(Edition 2000)

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

Baltimore City Code

Article 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies

Subtitle 22. Children, Youth, and Families

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.

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Part II. Youth Commission

§ 22-5. Composition.

(a) *In general.*

The Commission comprises 17 [voting] members [and 14 non-voting members].

(b) [*Voting members*] *MEMBERS.*

(1) The [voting] members shall be appointed by the Mayor, in accordance with City Charter Article IV, § 6, as follows:

(i) 1 youth from each of the 14 Council Districts, at least 1 of whom is not a graduate of or then enrolled in a traditional educational program; and

(ii) 3 at-large youths recommended by the President of the City Council.

(2) Each [voting] member of the Commission must be a resident of Baltimore City.

~~(3) A youth may not be appointed to a term as a [voting] member of the Commission if that youth would become [26] 23 years old during that term.~~

[(c) *Agency representatives.*]

[Each of the following entities shall designate a non-voting member to represent that entity:]

[(1) Baltimore City Public School System.]

[(2) Department of Recreation and Parks.]

[(3) Health Department.]

[(4) Police Department (PAL Centers).]

[(5) Department of Social Services.]

[(6) State's Attorney's Office.]

[(7) Enoch Pratt Free Library.]

[(8) Mayor's Office of Employment Development.]

[(9) Housing Authority of Baltimore City.]

[(10) State Department of Juvenile Services.]

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1 [(11) Family League of Baltimore City.]

2 [(12) Baltimore City Community College.]

3 [(d) *Mayoral and Council representatives.*]

4 [(1) 2 non-voting, ex officio members are:]

5 [(i) the Mayor; and]

6 [(ii) the President of the City Council.]

7 [(2) The Mayor or Council President may designate another person to serve in her or his
8 place.]

9 **§ 22-6. Terms, organization, meetings, etc.**

10 (a) *Terms.*

11 (1) The term of a [voting] member expires at the end of the Mayor's term.

12 (2) At the end of a term, a [voting] member continues to serve until a successor is
13 appointed and qualifies.

14 (3) A MEMBER MAY ONLY SERVE A MAXIMUM OF ~~3~~ 2 TERMS.

15 (b) *Compensation; expenses.*

16 The members of the Commission[:] SERVE WITH COMPENSATION BASED ON HOURS
17 SERVED, AS PROVIDED IN THE ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES.

18 [(1) serve without compensation; but]

19 [(2) are entitled to reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred in the
20 performance of their duties, as provided in the Ordinance of Estimates.]

21 (c) [*Officers; committees.*] *OFFICERS.*

22 (1) The Mayor shall designate a [voting] member to serve as Commission Chair.

23 [(2) The Chair may select other officers.]

24 (2) AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH TERM AND AFTER ALL MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED, THE
25 COMMISSION CHAIR SHALL CALL A MEETING OF THE COMMISSION AND THE
26 COMMISSION SHALL ELECT MEMBERS TO SERVE AS:

27 (I) VICE CHAIR;

28 (II) TREASURER; AND

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1 (III) SECRETARY.

2 [(3) The Chair may appoint committees to assist the Commission in carrying out its
3 functions and duties.]

4 (D) *COMMITTEES.*

5 (1) THERE IS AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN THE COMMISSION THAT COMPRISES THE
6 FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

7 (I) THE CHAIR;

8 (II) THE VICE CHAIR;

9 (III) THE TREASURER;

10 (IV) THE SECRETARY; AND

11 (V) AN AT-LARGE MEMBER, WHO SHALL BE ELECTED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE
12 COMMISSIONERS AT THE COMMISSION'S FIRST MEETING.

13 (2) THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

14 ~~(I) MAY EXPEND FUNDS AUTHORIZED IN THE ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES OR ANY~~
15 ~~SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS;~~

16 (I) ~~(H)~~ MAY APPOINT COMMITTEES TO ASSIST THE COMMISSION IN CARRYING OUT
17 ITS FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES; AND

18 (II) ~~(H)~~ SHALL GENERALLY OVERSEE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMMISSION.

19 (E) [(d)] *Meetings; quorum.*

20 (1) The Commission shall meet on the call of the Chair as frequently as required to
21 perform its duties, but not less than [6 times nor more than 10 times each year] 1 TIME
22 EACH MONTH.

23 (2) A majority of the [voting] members constitutes a quorum for the transaction of
24 business.

25 (3) An affirmative vote of at least a majority of a quorum is needed for any official
26 action.

27 (F) ~~CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS.~~ BYLAWS.

28 ~~(1) IN GENERAL.~~

29 THE COMMISSION MUST ADOPT A CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS TO GOVERN ITS
30 MEETINGS AND OPERATIONS.

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1 ~~(2) CONSTITUTION.~~

2 ~~(I) THE COMMISSION MUST ADOPT A CONSTITUTION WITHIN 30 DAYS OF ELECTING~~
3 ~~THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.~~

4 ~~(II) THE COMMISSION MUST REVIEW, REVISE, AND RE-ADOPT THE CONSTITUTION~~
5 ~~WITHIN 30 DAYS OF ELECTING A NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AFTER THE~~
6 ~~START OF EACH NEW MAYORAL TERM.~~

7 (3) *BYLAWS.*

8 (I) THE COMMISSION MUST ADOPT BYLAWS WITHIN 60 DAYS OF ELECTING THE
9 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

10 (II) THE COMMISSION MUST REVIEW, REVISE, AND RE-ADOPT THE BYLAWS WITHIN
11 60 DAYS OF ELECTING A NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AFTER THE START OF
12 EACH NEW MAYORAL TERM.

13 (G) *STAFF.*

14 THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SUCCESS, OR ITS SUCCESSOR, SHALL:

15 (1) PROVIDE STAFF TO THE COMMISSION; AND

16 (2) PROVIDE THE PERSONNEL AND CAPITAL SUPPORT NECESSARY FOR THE
17 COMMISSION TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES, AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE ORDINANCE OF
18 ESTIMATES.

19 (H) [(e)] *Rules and regulations.*

20 Subject to Title 4 {"Administrative Procedure Act – Regulations"} of the City General
21 Provisions Article, the Commission may adopt rules and regulations to govern its
22 meetings and operations.

23 **§ 22-7. [Commission] ~~POWERS AND duties.~~ [duties.] DUTIES.**

24 (A) ~~POWERS.~~

25 ~~IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER POWERS SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMMISSION MAY:~~

26 ~~(1) ENGAGE, CONSULT, AND PARTNER WITH A CITY OFFICIAL AND ANY UNIT OF CITY~~
27 ~~GOVERNMENT; AND~~

28 ~~(2) ENGAGE, CONSULT, AND PARTNER WITH A COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION.~~

29 (B) ~~DUTIES.~~

30 The Commission shall:

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- 1 [(1) develop and maintain a 3-year plan of action that outlines specific areas for
2 Commission study and recommendations;]
- 3 [(2) review issues relating to programs and services for children and youth;]
- 4 [(3) identify and recommend priorities among programs and services for children and
5 youth;]
- 6 [(4) create a forum for discussions with children, youth, and their families;]
- 7 [(5) advocate services and programs for children and youth;]
- 8 [(6) make recommendations for programs, policies, procedures, or legislation it
9 deems necessary to promote the well-being of children, youth, and their
10 families;]
- 11 [(7) work with the public and private sector in a collaborative effort to:]
 - 12 [(i) bring forth the concerns of children and youth; and]
 - 13 [(ii) evaluate and strengthen programming that will enhance the interpersonal
14 and social development of children and youth;]
- 15 [(8) develop a communications network to share information about public and
16 private services to children and youth;]
- 17 [(9) submit an annual report to the Mayor and the City Council; and]
- 18 [(10) perform any other duties that the Mayor requests.]
- 19 (1) CREATE AND DELIVER A YEAR-END ANNUAL REPORT ON COMMISSION ACTIVITIES
20 TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL;
- 21 (2) REVIEW RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH AND PROVIDE
22 FEEDBACK REGARDING EFFECTIVENESS TO THE RESPECTIVE RESOURCE
23 ADMINISTRATOR;
- 24 (3) HOST AND PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC FORUMS WITH AND ABOUT CHILDREN AND
25 YOUTH;
- 26 (4) ADVOCATE FOR RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH;
- 27 (5) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROGRAMS, POLICIES, PROCEDURES, OR
28 LEGISLATION DEEMED NECESSARY TO PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN,
29 YOUTH, AND THEIR FAMILIES;
- 30 (6) RAISE AWARENESS OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND THEIR
31 FAMILIES; AND

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1 (7) REVIEW AND EVALUATE EXISTING AND PROPOSED POLICIES, PROGRAMS, AND
2 LEGISLATION AS THEY RELATE TO THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND
3 THEIR FAMILIES.

4 **§ 22-8. AGENCY COOPERATION.**

5 ALL CITY OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES SHALL COOPERATE WITH THE COMMISSION AND EXTEND
6 THE SERVICES AND FACILITIES THAT THE COMMISSION REQUIRES TO THE EXTENT THAT THE
7 OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES ARE ABLE TO DO SO GIVEN PERSONNEL AND BUDGETS AS PROVIDED
8 IN THE ORDINANCE OF ESTIMATES.

9 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
10 after the date it is enacted.

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Certified as duly passed this 8 day of April, 2024



President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to His Honor, the Mayor,

this 8 day of April, 2024



Chief Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20____

Mayor, Baltimore City